

REMARKS

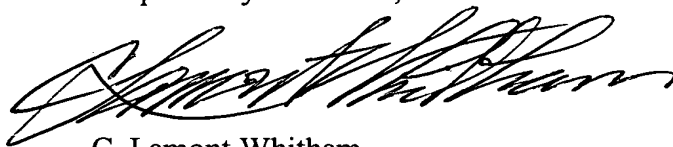
Claims 8 to 15 remain in the application, claims 1 to 7 having been canceled by this amendment. The allowance of claims 8 to 15 is noted with appreciation. This amendment proposes a minor amendment to claim 15, specifically, deleting the prepositional phrase "of fixed length" on line 7. It is submitted that this limitation does not affect the patentability of claim 15 over the prior art of record and, therefore, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered.

It is respectfully submitted that this amendment *prima facie* places the application in condition for immediate allowance, early notification of which is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-65112.

Respectfully submitted,



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